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SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS STILL FLOURISH IN THE UNITED STATES

With the United States in its eighth month of war against the Axis powers, scores of seditious publications are appearing regularly throughout the land and reaching tens of thousands of Americans with disruptive propaganda aimed at undermining the morale of the people and sabotaging the war effort of the nation.

A few subversive newspapers and periodicals have been suppressed or barred from the mails. Among these are Father Charles E. Coughlin's Social Justice, Court Asher's X-Ray, E. J. Garner's Publicity and William Dudley Pelley's The Galilean. But for every pro-Axis publication that has been put out of circulation, there are dozens which continue to serve Berlin, Rome and Tokyo by spreading treasonable and defeatist propaganda.

Smith's Propaganda Efforts

The Cross and The Flag, published in Detroit, Michigan, by Fifth Columnist Gerald L. K. Smith (ex-Silver Shirts No. 3223), is an outstanding example of the seditious publications which are being currently distributed in the United States. Probably not by coincidence, the first issue of this monthly magazine appeared simultaneously with the barring from the mails of Social Justice -- in April of this year. The editorial policy of The Cross and The Flag is closely modeled on that which was pursued by Father Coughlin's pro-Axis paper, and every issue of Smith's magazine is filled with articles aimed at undermining confidence in the war leadership of this nation, arousing suspicion against America's allies and generally sabotaging the U. S. war effort.

Gerald L. K. Smith openly bids for the support of Christian Front, German-American Bund and other fifth column elements by declaring in his magazine, "I shall defend the right of free speech and free press for Father Charles E. Coughlin. The treatment that this minister of Christ is receiving at the hands of the blood-thirsty Reds [in Washington] is unbelievable." Here are some other typical quotations from The Cross and The Flag:

"... we assert that even though America is at war we old-fashioned Americans do not propose to be city-slicked

by boondoggling bureaucratic politicians, Communists, British imperialists ... We are talking about ruthless political racketeers, propagandists and character assassins who never hesitate to translate blood into ballots ... Some of them are awfully close to the White House. ...

"We don't like the idea of Harry Hopkins being so powerful that every high official has to siphon his ideas through this ailing pink. ... We don't like the idea of Madam Litvinoff and Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff running around the country addressing a series of Red-sponsored rallies under the guise of Russian relief." (April issue of The Cross and The Flag)

"Even though some of your clique may be in power in Washington, we shall continue to refuse to judge our government by these exceptions. ... Get off your high horses, you potential tyrants, you over-ambitious bureaucrats, you traitors to America! WE, THE PEOPLE, ARE STILL HERE!" (June issue of The Cross and The Flag)

"We know that a set of highbinders in Washington are trying to sneak us back into the British Empire in the name of this so-called new world program ..." (April issue of The Cross and The Flag)

Other Seditious Sheets

In San Bernardino, California, the pro-Axis propagandist David Baxter is issuing a newsletter which attacks the war program of the U. S. Government, defends notorious fifth columnists and calls for "a quick, honorable end to the war." Baxter, who is head of a secret subversive group called Social Republic Society of America, recently sent this order to the "district memberships" of his organization:

"Do not neglect your arsenals. Buy arms and keep them in a place where they are readily accessible. No immediate emergency foreseen, but there is no time to prepare like now. Also keep a plentiful supply of ammunition and do not let it become over a year old or it will deteriorate."

In Lincoln, Nebraska, Charles W. Phillips continues to publish his weekly anti-Semitic, pro-fascist newsletter, The Individualist. In the June 19 issue of his publication, Phillips assails "salesmen for revolution," referring to Henry Wallace and to those who are in agreement with the content of the now famous address on U. S. war aims, which the Vice-President of the United States delivered on May 8 of this year.

In San Diego, California, C. Leon de Aryan, is regularly issuing his subversive newspaper The Broom. In Omaha, Nebraska, Charles

B. Hudson continues to publish his weekly Hitlerite bulletin, America In Danger! In Atascadero, California, William Kullgren, whose magazine Beacon Light was recently suppressed because of its seditious content, is now bringing out a pro-Axis mimeographed newsletter vigorously attacking the war effort of the Administration and containing typically Nazi, anti-Semitic propaganda. In Atlanta, Georgia, the Ku Klux Klan still publishes its official organ, The Fiery Cross, which pictures the war as "a big aid to the Communist program in the United States" and which seeks to disunite Americans by pitting white against black and Gentile against Jew. (In addition to The Fiery Cross, regular bulletins are being issued in many states by local KKK chapters.) In Meriden, Connecticut, the monthly bulletin The Malist -- The Voice Of A Christian, defends Father Coughlin, demands the re-issuance of Social Justice, accuses President Roosevelt of "violating the oath of his office," and describes the chief allies of the United States as "the scheming, deceitful British" and "the godless bloodthirsty Russians." In New York City, Lawrence Dennis, self-styled ideologist of American Fascism and intimate of paid Axis agents, uses his Weekly Foreign Letter to promote the Axis propaganda lie that the Soviet Union is the only nation which will benefit from the war.

These are but a few of the seditious publications which are aiding the Axis powers by spreading propaganda sabotaging the war effort of the United States.

Immediate Action Necessary

Axis leaders have frequently expressed the opinion that propaganda is an important military weapon. In conquering other nations, the Nazis used their propaganda with as deadly effect as they used their panzer divisions.

It is high time for U. S. authorities to wage an all-out fight against Axis psychological warfare in the United States.

The Hour therefore urges that Attorney General Francis Biddle take immediate steps to suppress all those publications which continue to spread pro-Axis, anti-American propaganda in the United States.

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HOOR SCOOPS BUND STORY

On June 27, in an article entitled "Bund Leaders To Be Indicted On Criminal Charges," we stated:

"The Hour can exclusively disclose that as a result of the Federal Grand Jury investigation of the German-American Bund which is now being conducted in New York City, a number of former Bund leaders will probably be indicted on criminal charges. The exact nature of these charges

cannot now be divulged, as the Bund leaders themselves are desperately eager to learn what incriminating evidence the U. S. Department of Justice has against them. However, we can reveal that the Grand Jury probe will conclusively establish that leaders of the Nazi-controlled Bund were plotting against the Government of the United States."

On July 7 the Federal Grand Jury investigating the Bund indicted twenty-six Bund leaders on charges of conspiracy to evade the Selective Service law by taking a direct stand against military service that might be directed against Germany. A second indictment brought against these twenty-six Bundists and three others, charged them with conspiracy to conceal Bund affiliations on alien registration forms. Among those named in the indictments were Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, national director of the Bund; Gustav Elmer, Bund treasurer, August Klapprott, New Jersey Bund leader; Wilbur V. Keegan, Bund attorney; William Luedtke, Bund business manager; and Herman Schwinn, West Coast Bund leader.

At the same time as the indictments of the Federal Grand Jury were handed down, United States Attorney Mathias F. Correa filed denaturalization petitions against two of the Bundists who had been indicted and twenty-five others.

Mr. Correa stated that the indictments and the denaturalization petitions constituted the first step in a nation-wide campaign "to put the Bund out of business."

Probable Future Developments

The Hour is reliably informed that a third indictment may soon be handed down against Bund leaders. This indictment will charge them with failure to register as agents of a foreign government, in accordance with the Foreign Agent Registration Act.

As we pointed out in our issue of June 27, the Bund was originally set up in 1936 under orders from Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy at the time, and Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, head of the Auslands-Organization (Organization of Germans Living Abroad). The Bund's function was to carry on Nazi-supervised espionage and sabotage operations in the United States, to spread disruptive propaganda, and to perform other fifth column tasks for Berlin. It is clear that since these were the objectives of the Bund, its members -- and particularly its leaders -- were serving as unregistered agents of the Third Reich; and it is on these grounds that Bundists may be faced with still another indictment.

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